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ARRAY OF POOLED PROBES IN
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In response to the Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed October 5, 2001, Applicants submit that the computer readable form in this application, 09/930,536, is identical with that filed in Application 09/138,958, filed August 24, 1998. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application.

It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in the application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included for incorporation into the Specification.

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